

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 1st day of September, 2011 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Special Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT:	Tommy Knight	Mayor
	Phillip Hyatt	Mayor Pro Tempore
	James A. Mills	Council Member
	Ross McElwee	Council Member
	Vickie Abrego	Council Member

ABSENT:	Allen Lawrence	City Attorney
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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Reggie Winters	City Manager
	Sandy Roddel	Finance Director
	Yvonne Stonebraker	City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:	Earl Buckmaster	Harbormaster
	Frank Truitt	City Inspector
	Rickie Kilgore	Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Don & Jeanie Brummett, Ann Melton and Nancy Moore.

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

1. **CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Knight called the special meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on September 1, 2011.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS' PROPOSED 2011-2012 TAX RATE.**

Mayor Knight closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. He asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposed 2011-2012 tax rate.

City Manager Reggie Winters stated he was in favor of the proposed \$0.72302 tax rate. He stated the proposed \$0.72302 tax rate is what the City of Aransas Pass needed to maintain the city and to move the city forward in operations.

Mayor Knight asked if there was anyone present to speak against the proposed 2011-2012 tax rate.

Ms. Nancy Moore stated she lived in Pelican Cove and was in opposition of the proposed 2011-2012 tax rate. She stated she knew the city needed to raise taxes and understood it, but, stated the tax payers needed a break. She stated homes were valued more then what they could be sold for. Ms. Moore stated her husband was a real estate broker and had seen the hardships clients were going through. She stated people were being taxed and expensed out of their homes.

Ms. Moore stated the City of Aransas Pass was paying a full time judge \$50,000 a year, plus paying for a court clerk and part time judge. She stated the Civic Center was costing the City of Aransas Pass a lot of funds and was a big drain. She stated employee's healthcare was going up but everyone's healthcare was going up. Ms. Moore stated if the present City Council voted in favor of the tax rate increase and doesn't manage the funds better, during the next election, hopefully the City could get people voted in who do care.

Ms. Ann Melton spoke against the high cost of taxes on here property.

Mayor Knight closed the public hearing at 7:29 P.M.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Council Member Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary